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In re Application of:)	
Michael Strobel et al.)	Group Art:
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For: Orthopedic Splint)	
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Serial No.: 09/171,732)	
Filed: October 8, 1998)	

LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Attn.: Box Missing Parts
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (copy enclosed) mailed on **April 29, 1999**, applicant is hereby filing the enclosed documents and submitting the enclosed checks to complete the above-identified application:

- (1) A Declaration signed by the inventors.
- (2) A Small Entity Declaration form signed by the inventors Michael Strobel, Jürgen Eichhorn and Karl Hausladen.
- (3) A Small Entity for Small Business Declaration signed by Jochen Piotrowsky, an officer of Medi Bayreuth.
- (4) A Certified Copy of German Patent Application No. 297 02 186.9.
- (5) An executed Assignment from the inventors to Medi Bayreuth Weihermuller und Voigtmann GmbH & Co. KG, a check for \$40.00 and a Patent Assignment Recordal Form.
- (6) An application transmittal form.
- (7) A fee calculation sheet.
- (8) A check in the amount of \$445.00 for the basic filing fee of \$380.00 and the government surcharge of \$65.00.

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(9) A check in the amount of \$40.00 for payment of the assignment recordal fee.

(10) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.17, 37 CFR 1.21(k) or 37 CFR 1.18 to our Deposit Account No. 22-0355.

Respectfully submitted,



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 x Transmittal letter

Patent application:

 pages of specification

 pages of claims containing claims

 Abstract of the Disclosure

 sheets of drawings containing FIG's.

 x executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

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 specification and claims in foreign language

 PCT Article 19 Amendment

 translation of PCT article 19 Amendment

 x Assignment & Patent Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet

 x Small Entity Declaration (s) (two)

 translation of amended specification and/or claims

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 Petition for Extension of Time in prior Application

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 Preliminary Amendment Before Action

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 x Transmittal of Priority Document and certified copy of German Patent

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